

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 8th August, 1923.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The Council assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-three of the Clock. The President was in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Interpellations.

94. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of interpellations of which notice was given by members at the last session of the Council;

(ii) the number of questions that were answered;

(iii) the reasons for the remaining questions being left unanswered; and

(iv) whether any questions the answers to which were ready were left unanswered for want of time?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) how many interpellations of which notice was given for the November sittings of the last session were left unanswered even after the April sittings; and

(ii) why they were left unanswered in the April sittings?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will make arrangements for utilising the whole time allotted for answering interpellations so that questions the answers to which are ready may be answered?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) 451.

(ii) 322.

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- (iii) There was not sufficient time to scrutinise the information received in some cases, while in others information was still due.
- (iv) The answer is in the negative.
- (b) (i) 22.
- (ii) Because the answers were not ready.
- (c) This will depend on the number of questions for which answers can be got ready.

Malayalam Short-hand.

95 MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that Malayalam short-hand writing has been successfully tried in Trivandrum; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to encourage the study of Malayalam short-hand?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have employed one of the men who have qualified themselves in the subject.

Malayalam Typewriter.

96. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of any invention of a Malayalam typewriting machine; and

(b) whether they have received any application for pecuniary help from the inventor?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) and (b) An application has been received from Mr. N. Sankaran Pandalai for a loan of Bh. Rs. 700 for perfecting a Malayalam typewriting machine said to have been invented by him.

Registry of Lands in Palode Reserve.

97. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of (i) wet land and (ii) garden land have been registered in favour of private individuals in the Palode Reserve in the Nedumangad taluk;

(b) the names of those persons and the extent of land registered in the name of each; and